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**DIVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES REGULATION
RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF PHARMACY**

**Minutes of Meeting
Friday, April 8th, 2011**

OPEN-SESSION

The OPEN Session Meeting of the Board of Pharmacy was called to order at 1:00 p.m. on the above date in the Galanti Lounge in the University of RI Library in the presence of College of Pharmacy students. PURSUANT TO THE APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF THE General Laws of Rhode Island, as amended Jonathan Mundy, Chairperson.

Members Present

Jonathan Mundy (Chairperson), Chris Albanese (Secretary), Kathy Kettle, Karen DiStefano, Richard Hathaway, Susan DelMonico, Kelly Orr, Michael Cacchiotti

Staff Present

Patrick Kelly, Linda Phillips, Cathy Cordy

Call to Order

Chairperson Jonathan Mundy called the meeting to order at 1:05p.m.

1.0 MINUTES

The minutes of the OPEN Session Meeting held on February 17, 2011 were reviewed. Chris Albanese

moved that the minutes be approved. Richard Hathaway seconded the motion. The motion carried on unanimous consent.

2.0 ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES

Issued Pharmacy Licenses – As Attached

A list of new pharmacy licenses was distributed to the Board for review. On a motion made by

Richard Hathaway and seconded by Karen DiStefano, the list of licenses was approved by unanimous consent.

Communications

- NABP Meeting – several Board members intend on attending the upcoming NABP meeting in San Antonio, Texas.

- 2011 Physician HIT Survey – 62.9% of physicians responded to the HIT survey.

Of those that responded, 81.1% reported to use EMRs and 57.6% used e-prescribing versus 51% EMR use and 36.3 e-prescribing use among all RI physicians.

3.0 OLD BUSINESS

Draft Regulation Review

- Process for returning product to stock – Cathy Cordy mentioned that FDA does allow for

a return to stock process. A motion was made by Susan DelMonico and seconded by

Richard Hathaway to include a process for Return To Stock in our state regulations.

Motion carried on unanimous consent.

- Therapeutic Substitution-LTC Proposal – Board discussed that similar infrastructure exists

in Long Term Care Facilities as it does in hospital settings. Therefore therapeutic substitution

should be permitted. A motion was made by Karen DiStefano and seconded by Susan Delmonico

to allow therapeutic substitution in LTC Facilities. Motion carried unanimously.

- Dispensing by Non-Pharmacists-ER/Ambulatory Surgery Exemption Request – Board

discussed issue of ER/Ambulatory surgery setting physicians who administer multidose unit

of use medications to patients for immediate use and their request to allow patients to take

home the remaining unused portion with them upon discharge.

Currently the physicians

are not allowed to dispense the unused portion to the patients upon their discharge from

the facility. Board decided to table the topic until next meeting so as to review what other

states are doing in regards to this topic.

- Medical Marijuana-awaiting DEA opinion: Issue was discussed regarding patients being

admitted to the hospital who are currently using medical marijuana. If the patients bring

it to the hospital, the facility cannot hold and dispense it to the admitted patient. Board is

still awaiting DEA opinion.

4.0 NEW BUSINESS

- Statutory Review-2011 General Assembly – Cathy Cordy supplied a handout for the Board

and students showing a number of Bills that may be of interest to the pharmacy community.

She explained the process of how bills get passed through the state legislature and then our

role as a Board to write needed regulations for the passed legislature.

- PIC responsibilities – Cathy Cordy spoke to the students regarding how newly appointed pharmacists-in-charge come before the Board so they can meet the Board members and so that we as a Board can remind them of the responsibilities they now have as PIC.
- Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) – Cathy Cordy reviewed for the students some of the history and highlights regarding PMP. Hopefully on-line access will be available around October of this year. Susan Delmonico mentioned that PMP programs work differently from state to state. NABP is attempting to standardize PMP programs nationally.

5.0 ADJOURNMENT OF OPEN SESSION

Pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 46-45-5 of the RI General Laws for the purpose of discussing job performance, character, physical or mental health of applicants for licensure and licenses; and investigatory proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct. Said individuals

have been notified in advance by writing that they may request that the discussion be held in an OPEN meeting.

Chris Albanese made a motion to close the OPEN Meeting and adjourn to a “Mock” CLOSED Session.

Richard Hathaway seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

The OPEN Meeting session adjourned at 2:05p.m.

6.0 MOCK CASES

Several “mock” cases were presented to the students so as to give them an idea of what the Board discusses in true CLOSED sessions, including the types of cases actually presented before the Board and the reasoning as to how and why the Board arrives at certain decisions and certain levels of disciplinary actions. Lively discussion, questions and answers were exchanged between the Board members and students.

Mock session concluded at approximately 3:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris M. Albanese

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Secretary, Board of Pharmacy